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Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report

November, 2011

Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month	893
Number of items* contained in these cases	1697
Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month	580
Number of items analyzed this month	969
Laboratories' backlog (Items)	7992
Average time per analysis (turnaround time)	88 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed	157

Analysis Backlog

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	798	10%
16-30 days old	830	10%
31-50 days old	1403	18%
Greater than 50 days	4961	62%
TOTAL	7992	100%

^{*} A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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Analysis Profile

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	55	6%
16-30 days	56	6%
31-50 days	288	30%
Greater than 50 days	570	59%
TOTAL	969	100%

Totals for Drugs of Interest

Drug Type	Number of Items
Marijuana	164
Cocaine	252
Heroin	163
Others	390
TOTAL	969

Trafficking Items Analyzed

Drug Type	Number of Items
Heroin	3
Cocaine	25
Oxycodone	9
TOTAL	37

Calendar Year (2011) Totals through the End of the Month

Items Submitted	19620
Items Analyzed	15612